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Sir:

In response to the Office communication mailed on August 2, 2004 concerning the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment (37 CFR 1.121) regarding the applicants' amendment document filed on July 13, 2004, applicants resubmit the entire section "b" (Claims) of the amendment document.

In the resubmitted section "b" (Claims), applicants canceled the original claims 1 to 64 and substituted new claims 65-84. In section "b" (Claims) of the non-compliant applicants' amendment document, applicants numbered the same substitute claims 67 to 86. Because of this change in numbering of the substitute claims, applicants respectfully request to make small corrections in two paragraphs of section "d" (REMARKS – General) of the applicants' amendment document as follows:

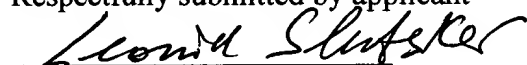
Page 53, forth paragraph, change “(rewritten claims 69, 72, 79, and 82)” to – (rewritten claims 67, 70, 77, and 80) –.

Page 56, second paragraph, change “claims 67 to 86” to – claims 65 to 84 –.

Applicants respectfully note that in section “d” (REMARKS – General) of the applicants’ amendment document all page numbers in the text pertain to a marked up version of substitute specification in section “a” (Substitute Specification) of the same amendment document.

Applicants also respectfully submit a clean version for the substitute specification, which was not submitted with the applicants’ amendment document.

Respectfully submitted by applicant

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Leonid Slutsker", written over a horizontal line.

Leonid Slutsker